

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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WASTAGE OF RIVERS-WATER INTO SEA
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a large quantity of rivers-water in Karnataka goes waste into sea;
- (b) if so, whether the Union as well as State Governments have taken any policy decision to curb the flow of water and make it available for agriculture, power generation by adopting latest technology; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) As per the reports received from Government of Karnataka, most of the water from west flowing river systems go into sea. The Government of Karnataka has not taken any policy decision to curb the flow of water into sea. However, the National Water Policy, 2002 provides that water should be made available to water deficit areas by transfer from other areas including transfers from one river basin to another, based on a national perspective, after taking into account the requirements of the areas/basins.